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INTEREST CENTERS IN BALKAN ARENA

Other Fields Overshadowed by Political and Military Developments There.

AIM OF ENTENTE ALLIES TO CUT OFF RAILROADS

Strength of Formidable Army at Saloniki Not Yet Exerted on the Wings.

LONDON, August 23.-Political developments in the Balkans overshadow in interest for the moment even the important military operations in progress there, but today's dispatches throw little new light on the situation from either a political or military standpoint.

Army a Formidable One.

With Russian and Italian troops added to the French, British and Serbian forces already in the field, the allies have a formidable array of fighting men on the Macedonian front. So far, however, its strength has not een exerted to marked effect.

The Bulgarians have pushed back both wings and it is only in the center, in the Vardar valley, that entente advances have been scored. It seems not inprobable that this region, which offers superior railroad facilities because of the line running through it from Saloniki to Uskup, has been selected as the main avenue along which th

Checked by British Artillery.

British artillery has checked the advance of skirmishers of the central owers in a sector of the Struma front, thirty-five miles northeast of Saloniki, says a war office statement on operations in the Balkans. Working parties intrenching opposite Kamarjan and Cavdarmah, on the same front, also were dispersed by British artillery, the statement adds.

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An official statement issued last night in Paris says the allies have captured a series of heights west of the Vardar river, on the Saloniki front. On both wings advance detachments have fallen

Berlin Reports Bulgar Advance.

that the central powers are once in direct contact with Greece.

Guarantees for Greece. According to a dispatch from Athens.

dated yesterday, Germany and Bulgaria have given a written undertaking to Kavala, Drama and Seres.

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Kavala, Drama and Seres are the most important towns in the part of eastern Macedonia ceded to Greece at the close of the Balkan wars. Kavala is on the Aegean coast; Drama is about twenty miles inland and Seres is near the Struma river, in the region where fighting is proceeding between the allies and the central powers.

Rumania Remains Undecided as to Participation in War. **According to Berlin Report**

tinguished diplomatist who is especiaally conversant with Rumanian affairs." On being asked by the news agency as to the present situation, he

"Rumania's attitude is due to her geographical situation. The country s virtually surrounded by belligerents. Rumanian statesmen, therefore, are guided by the desire to spare their country the injury which would be un-avoidable if it were to become a theater of war.

Entente Powers Active.

Since the beginning of the present conflagration the entente powers, particularly Russia, have been extremely active in Rumania. The country is flooded with Russian agents and spies of all description. The entente uses money lavishly to bribe politicians and influence the press. This agitation reached its height at the beginning of the last Russian offensive. At the same time the entente announced that an offensive campaign would be in-augurated on the Macedonian front-

"At present Rumania is still undecided She probably will not give up her adroit policy of neutrality, which up to the present time has given her an enormous gair really decisive turn in the war has been reached. Meanwhile trade relations be reached. Academic trade relations between Rumania and the central powers continue to be normal and active.
"Rumania has been a sphinx and is still shrouded in a mysterious veil, behind which political passion and agitation not only of the Rumanians, but of the entente agents, reach their highest pitch."

"Gay" Bucharest Now Grave:

vate audience Monday, according to Cologne dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company by way of Amsterdam and afterward jointly. It was the longest audience ever granted by the Rumanian king to the Teutonic repre-

Rumania Preparing for War. AMSTERDAM, via London, Augus -Rumania is preparing for war, according to Dr. Lederer, Bucharest cor espondent of the Berliner Tageblatt A telegraphic dispatch from Dr. Le-

derer, dated Sunday, says: "There is ground for some uneasi ness as to the attitude of Rumania. ness as to the attitude of Rumania. The outward life of the city is greatly changed. Gay Bucharest has become a grave city and all like signs in public life indicate that everybody is preparing for eventualities and that the country is getting ready for war. "I still believe that Bratiano is playing a game with Russia • • In political negotiations at Bucharest von Hindenburg is now playing the foremost role."

Counted on His Prestige.

The appointment of Field Marshal von Hindenburg to the supreme com mand on the eastern front was inter preted in allied circles as having a po litical as well as a military significance. It was said that Germany be-lieved the prestige of von Hindenburg's name would favorably impress Ru-

NO OVERTURES FOR PEACE MADE BY GREAT BRITAIN

Positive Statement in Parliament by Lord Robert Cecil. War Trade Minister.

LONDON, August 23, 4:55 p.m.-No ace overtures have been made to Great Britain, declared Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade and parliamentary undersecretary for foreign Lord Robert's statement was made in response to a question by Sir James Henry Dalziel, liberal member for Kirkcaldy Burghs, in regard to "peace

"No overtures have been made for peace could be made, and that is from only one way in which overtures for peace couldd be made, and that is from

ONE DEAD, SEVERAL DYING,

den collapse of a five-story brick tene-

SENATE PASSES ARMY BILL.

Revised Measure Goes Back to the House for Action.

The army appropriation bill with r vised articles of war approved by the Greece that their troops will not enter War Department was passed today by the Senate and now goes back to the House, where the amendment is expected to be accepted.

President Wilson vetoed the bill be-cause the revision on the bill's previous passage gave exemptions to retired offi-cers which the War Department disap-

WARNED TO OBSERVE CARE.

Postal Employes Held Accountable

for Damage to Mail Packages. Special warnings to all employes o the postal service who take part in the handling of parcel post packages to Sayville.—Rumania has not decided exercise all possible care in the han whether she will enter the war, in the dling of such mail have been issued by pinion of a person characterized by the Postmaster General. All are warned the Overseas News Agency as "a dis- that they will be held to strict ac

that they will be held to strict accountability for damage to the mails for which they are responsible.

The warning, it is pointed out, was inspired by the fact that complaints still come in from patrons of the service that packages are received in bad condition, and that investigation of these complaints has led to the discovery that in certain instances the trouble was due to careless and rough handling of the mails. The means by which damage to fragile packages may be avoided are enumerated for the benefit of those to whom the warning was addressed.

AMBASSADOR SHARP HERE.

Comes to Confer With Officials and Take a Rest. .

William G. Sharp, United States am bassador to France, is in this city to confer with the officials regarding international questions growing out of the European war. He declined to dis-cuss the war and said he was home. "In the Gorizia area artillery fighting is cuss the war, and said he was home

cuss the war, and said he was home merely for a rest and to complete his convalescence after a severe attack of pneumonia.

By a singuar coincidence, Walter H. Page, United States ambassador to Great Britain, also is in this city at present on leave of absence, but Secretary Lansing says there is no significance in the presence of the two, ambassadors at the same time.

ARMOR PLANT HEARINGS. Secretary Daniels to Receive Site and Sale Proposals.

Consideration of proposals from various cities, including Washington, suggesting sites for the eleven-million-foliar government armor plant, will be heard by Secretary Daniels September 13, together with such offers as private manufacturers may submit for the sale of their establishments to the govern-

on that date members of the general board and Rear Admiral Strauss, chief AS People Prepare for War;

King Sees Teutonic Envoys

LONDON. August 23.—The King of

Rumania received the German and

Board and Rear Admiral Strauss, chief of ordnance, will be present to hear claims of the cities which have asked for the plant. A written brief for consideration of the general board, which under the law must finally approve the site selected by the Secretary of the Navy, must be filed in each case.

GERMANS ASSAULT ALLIES ON SOMME

Regain Footing in Trenches South of Estrees They Lost August 21.

PIERCE THIEPVAL LINES; DRIVEN OUT BY BRITISH

Intense Artillery Preparation Precedes Attacks by Infantry in Northern France.

PARIS, August 23, noon.-German troops attacking the French lines south of Estrees, on the Somme front, gained a footing at some points in trenches that had been captured by the French on August 21, the war office announced today.

The attack in the Estrees region south of the Somme was launched after a period of intense artillery preparation

North of the Somme the Germans violently bombarded the French first line.

Artillery Action Heavy.

The announcement follows "North of the Somme the enemy durng the night bombarded our first lines and our lines of communication to the north and south of Maurepas. Our artillery replied energetically. The enemy did not follow up his bombardment with

"South of the Somme, after intens artillery preparation, the Germans to an enemy to the government of this country. If any such overtures were made the first thing we should do would be to consult with our allies, but no communication of the kind has been made."

south of Estrees and west of Soyecourt, on the trenches which we captured August 21. He gained a footing at some points. There was a fairly active artillery duel in the sectors of Belloy, Assevillers and Lihons.

"In the Vosges we repulsed by means of grenades a surprise attack against

DUE TO FALL OF BUILDING

NEW YORK, August 23.—Six men are missing, one is dead and several are dying in hospitals and a dozen others were injured today as the result of the sudden collapse of a five-story brick tenechine guns from our aeroplanes, cam down within their own lines, severely

received there from the Balkans indicate that the Germans and Bulgarians are advancing on the entire Macedonian front.

There are no indications as to the balgarians on the eastern end of the fighting line, says the dispatch, but the opinion is held that Gen. Sarrail's right flank may soon be hard pressed. An immediate esult of the Bulgarian offensive is that the central number of the Bulgarian offensive is that the central number of the contracting the build-ning.

Bronx.

A score of workmen were in the building almore than half this number, at work in the front part, were caught in the debris. City building officials inspected the ruins and charged that the cement used in the walls was of an inferior quality.

Several arrests have been made, including a member of the contracting firm which was constructing the building.

There are no indications as to the caught in the front part, were caught in the debris. Lines Heavily Assaulted.

LONDON, August 23, 2:02 p.m.—Two heavy assaults on the Positions newly won by the British south of Thiepval, on the Somme front, were made last night by the Germans. They gained a footing in the British trenches, but were driven out again, the war office announced today.

The announcement follows:
"The enemy made two determined counter attacks last night on our new trenches south of Thiepval. By the first attack he gained a temporary footing in our trenches, but was driven out immediately. The second attack was repulsed completely. The enemy's losses in these two attempts were heavy

"Last night there was rather more hostile artillery fire, especially in the regions of High wood and Bazentin-Le-Petit. "Opposite Lens we carried out a small raid successfully. On the other parts of the British front there was the usual trench warfare."

ITALIANS DELIVER BLOW IN THE ALPINE REGION

Rome Reports Strong and Successful Thrust on Northern Extremity

ROME, August 23, via London, 2:30 p.m.-The Italians are making a strong and successful thrust at the Austrian lines in the Alpine region on the extreme northern front, according to teday's way office announcement. Italian troops have carried strong Austrian positions in the Tofana area, in the Dolomites and in the Travenanzes valley. The announcement follows:

"In the Astico valley, on the night of August 22, the enemy shelled our positions at the bottom of the valley with great intensity, but did not develop any infantry attack. On the same night ar attempt of the enemy to advance be Casera Zingarella and Casera Zebio Pastorile, on the Asiago plateau, was checked by our fire. "In the Tofana area yesterday, after effective artillery preparation, detachwas checked by our fire.

"In the Tofana area yesterday, after effective artillery preparation, detachments of our Alpine troops and infantry carried strong enemy positions on the western slopes of Tofana III and in the Travenanzes valley. The enemy suffered heavy loss and left about forty prisoners in our hands.

in progress. An enemy detachment which attempted to approach Vertoibizza stream

Lieut. L. H. Barlow Killed in France. PHILADELPHIA, August 23.-Lieut H. Barlow, the widely known golf player, was killed August 14, while fighting with the British army in France, according to advices received here. He left here more than a year ago.

DAY IN CONGRESS.

Met at 11 a.m

Repassed army appropriation bill which had been vetoed by President, reinserting articles of war with objectionable amend-Houses

Not in session; meets Friday.



NIAGARA TORRENT OF SHELLS CLEARS A WAY FOR INFANTRY

Capture by British of German Trenches on Somme Front Conducted With Machine-like Precision.

FRANCE, August 22, via London, Au-

who had kept hammering it with gunfire. The Germans seemed to set the

taken vesterday who had been at Verdun said they suffered nothing there at all equivalent to the deluge of British shells, and that it was impossible for human beings to endure such torna-

On a thousand-yard front both the first the National Guard doing skirmish drill in camp could not be more distinct when seen from the side lines. It was the very

Niagara Rush of Shells.

A Niagara rush of whistling screan ing hit with an icy pellet. Some Germans who had trusted in flight rather than sticking to a dug-out when the first dash of projectiles came were seen running toward the open, away from this swath was been under fire for the last time in this war."

Walking with them were the British stand up in a thick hallstorm without beout of the British trench ap-

ARMY IN in full equipment with all its details visible. Every figure uniform with all others to the last item as they moved across the field of dead grass briskly and steadily. No ominous, wicked stac-

then closed up. Occasionally a figure dropped and was lost in the grass. death from shells going only a few feet over their heads they were moving. Then suddenly as it was laid the curtain of shell fire lifted. Not a single shell out of the thousands had burst

fire. The Germans seemed to set the same store by it as they did by the heights of Ginchy and Guillemont, on their other flank.

In front of the position conquered yesterday the British infantry had been decimated by machine gun fire July 1. The trenches were just as strong as then with deep dugouts, the result of two years' building.

Believe Ridge Secure.

Prisoners taken early in the offensive said the British never could obtain a foothold on that ridge. Those taken yesterday who had been at Verline trenches.

What about of the thousands had burst short.

Now the British were going over the German parapet, their bayonets glistening in the sun. As they descended into the trench the earth seemed to have swallowed them up. Little clouds of smoke from bursting bombs rose from the trench. There was hot work proceeding out of sight in the burrows. One after another as though they were coming to the top of the stairs heads and shoulders appeared out of the trench. Each German had his hands up, and in file the prisoners moved past a Briton standing on the parapet. These Germans who had not waited to be bombed out of the thousands had burst short.

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trench? A light machine gun the British had put up rattled into their backs. Ahead of them was the British curtain of fire, now lifted on to the German support trench. They seemed to disappear into the earth, some shot On a thousand-yard front both the first German line and the support trench were taken. One pair of eyes could not see more detail than the correspondent saw yesterday. The British and Germans engaged were outlined as clearly as a play around the second base could be seen from a grandstand. A home company of the kines.

Charge Supporting Trenches. Now British helmets rise from the

German first line and start on with another charge to the German support trench. They will clean up any Germans lying in shell craters on the way. They grow dim with distance and in the fading light, but they get there. They have the support trench, their signals say. And that bunch of running German from capsules of concentrated hell tore prisoners coming toward the British rear as fast as they can is enveloped Their flashes hugged it in an infernal in some shell bursts. The German curecstasy, sweeping it with myriads of bul-lets and fragments, shooting forked tongues of death into its burrows. To show a head and escape being hit, and hit more than once, was as hopeless as to

Walking with them were wounded, also smiling.
Bit by bit gains are made between big attacks. The British now are within 1,000 yards of Thiepval, maintain in 1,000 yards of Guillemont and are od a row of khaki-tinted mushis, the steel helmets the British
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iers wear, then their heads and
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it over the parapet. Every man was

Philatelists Choose Officers. Mr. Carnegie Is "Very Well." BAR HARBOR, Me., August 23 .- An BOSTON, August 23 .- The many spe

cial stamp issues of the European na- drew Carnegie, who has returned from of the first steps toward organizing an new sest to the activities of stamp col- given to inquirers that he was "very

Representative Rainey Thinks the Members Should Receive \$10,000 Each.

entative Rainey of Illinois today. which the republican votes cut down the salaries of the propoesd commission when ing to precedent, he said, the ways and means committee placed the salaries (f the tariff commission members at \$10,000 each. When the bill was up in the House

Representative Green of lowa moved to cut this figure to \$7,500. Question of Salary Debated. It was late in the afternoon of July 10, and the House displayed an overweening

TARIFF BOARD PAY

TOO SMALL, HE SAYS

sion, about to be created, ought to re-

desire to quit and go home. Representative Green spoke for less than a minute. Representative Rainey an-swered in about a hundred words, explainswered in about a hundred words, explain-ing that the ways and means committee had gone over the matter carefully and that the best grade of experts could not be obtained for \$7,500 a year. Repre-sentative Cullop of Indiana, a democrati-who generally follows the action of demoratic committees, made a long speech, lowever, in favor of the republican mo-lon, and, much to the surprise of every-ody, especially Representative Rainey, the Green motion carried by 136 to 93.

There was no chance of a record vote.

Says Republicans Did It.

"Republican votes did it." Representaive Rainey said today, "and I cannot for the life of me see why they did so. "Under the Payne tariff Congress cre-ated a board of customs appeals, the maries they have demonstrated that the

members of which receive \$9,000 a year, and the proposed tariff commission would be a superior body to that board. members of which receive \$9,000 a year, and the proposed tariff commission would be a superior body to that board. The federal reserve board members get \$12,000 each, the federal trade commissioners get \$10,000 and the rural credits commissioners get \$10,000. There is no reason why the members of the tariff commission should not receive \$10,000." The House passed the bill with the

is to be placed in the hands of a com-mittee of deans appointed by the trusees.
"The experience of large universities."

"The experience of large universities," said James A. Patten, one of the trustees, "has been that there is too much jealousy between the departments and schools. One dean does not know what another will ask or get, and the entire school does not pull smoothly together. Our plan is designed to eliminate this. We shall try it for at least a year and more likely two."

Plattsburg Officers in Reserve. PLATTSBURG, N. Y., August 23 .- One

States army, under the provisions of actors, said speakers at the annual con-well." His secretary, in discussing re- the new army bill, will be taken here vention of the American Philatelist Society. C. A. Howes of Boston was
thropist was ill, asserted that, on the
elected president; H. A. Davis of Colocrado Springs, secretary, and C. F. Heyerman of Detroit, treasurer of the society.

Well. His secretary, in discussing rethe new army only, will be taken here
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SILENT VOTE HOLDS | PRESIDENT CONFERS BALANCE OF POWER WITH CONGRESSMEN

260,000 in California Have Refrained From Declaring Party Affiliation.

SUPPORT OF MAJORITY

REPUBLICANS CLAIM

Democrats Believe, However, That National Policies, Kindred to Those of State, Will Win.

BY N. O. MESSENGER.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 23. -When the voters of this state registered for the nominating AGREEMENT UNDER primaries, to be held August 29, about 260,000 of them refrained Mr. Wilson and Railroad Executive from declaring their party affiliation. Exercise of this option on non-declaration puts them in position to vote at the polls in November for democratic or republican candidates, as they see fit.

The number was 300,000 at the out This great non-declared vote, repre

senting the independent, silent, thoughtbetween the two parties. It hangs Who Is to Get This Vote Who is to get it? The republicans

that four-fifths of the non-de

ship, or rather the fight against Hiram Johnson, enters upon its second and crucial stage, it would be folly to attempt to forecast the course which the electorate of California will pursue in November.

It is feasible, however, to describe conditions as they exist, speak of the aims and hopes of the parties and pick out the lines of battle, which details furnish an important chapter in current national politics.

Democratic Viewpoint. Gavin McNab, one of the brainier and most resourceful of the democratic leaders in the state, summed up the

leaders in the state, summed up the democratic expectations to The Star's correspondent, as follows:

"Californians are thinkers and are thinking deeply, regardless of afore-time party affiliations. They are thinking of the humanities above and beyond discarded fetiches of party worship. Democrats hold that it is reasonable to expect the voters to recognize that President Wilson and the democratic property of the democrati that President Wilson and the demo-cratic administration represent nation-ally the things they have stood for in their own state and which constitute their political doctrine—the income tax, child labor legislation, workmen's com-pensation and other things.

"The democratic administration has matched state demands with national legislation. President Wilson and the demo

legislation.
"The democrats have reasons to depend upon the support of the bulk of the labor vote for their national candi-

"They expect that the majority of the man's vote, which will be cast for presidency for the first time this will stand by the President keeping their sons and brothers out of

Basis of Republican Hone. The republican hope of victory is

gathered in a symposium of opinions of republican leaders. It might be stated in a sentence—return to form. It is contended that California is normally a republican state by 100,000, which majority has been split and diverted by factionalism that now they believe will be 90 per cent healed in November. It is contended California is essentially a protective tariff state and the tially a protective tariff state and the protectionist spirit will rise as bull

he woman's vote will be swayed by motional sentiment alone, but will take a broader scope.

The republicans declare that in re-

a democratic or a republican presiden tial candidate, progressives and regu-lars alike will support the republican

ADVISORY-BOARD TO RULE.

Northwestern University to Do Without President, Working Under Deans
CHICAGO, August 23.—Northwestern
University will not appoint a president to succeed Dr. A. W. Harris, who resigned last June, according to an announcement made public today by the trustees.

The administration of the university is to be placed in the hands of a computer of deans appointed by the president of the sundant of the senatorial nomination. To begin with, he has the party organization, and his machine is acknowledged to be one of the best of the kind. He is a wonderful campaigner himself and is making a whirl-wind campaign.

Still Will Be Candidate

Bear in mind that even if he should not ular and bull moose vote in excess of Booth, the regular republican candi ohnson would still be on the ticket in Johnson would sent be on the teaset in November as the progressive candidate for senator to be voted for. He is the progressive candidate for the nomination, seeking regular republican support, him-self promising to support Hughes for the

seeking regular republican support, himself promising to support Hughes for the presidency.
California is in the throes of a prohibition contest. Two constitutional amendments are submitted, one for outright prohibition within a year and the other to give the wine-growing industry time to adjust itself—prohibition in 1920.
This means a tremendous outpouring of woman voters; the question does not enter into national politics. In fact, wherever politicians are gathered if one wherever politicians are gathered if one wants to "break up the party" he need only mention prohibition. There would be un immediate exodus of party workers asying important business elsewhere, or

ON RAILWAY STRIKE

ONE CENT.

Heads of Commerce Committees Called to White House.

ACTION CONSIDERED OF GREAT IMPORT

Creation of Commission to Handle Industrial Disputes Mentioned.

Reported Nearer Settlement. Employes' Committeemer Restive Under Delay.

ence this morning with Senator Newlands and Representative set, but the frantic appeals of party managers induced about 40,000 to sign Adamson, chairmen, respectively, of the Senate and House commerce committees, whom he ful political sentiment of the state, is called to the White House relasufficient to hold the balance of power tive to the threatened railroad heavy over the head of the party strike. This conference, following so quickly upon the night conference of the subcommittee of railroad presidents at the White claim that four-fifths of the non-declared vote is republican. The democrats base most of their hope of victory upon the assumption that the figures represent men who are wed to no party, bound to no candidate per se, but on election day will vote for the candidate and party whose principles and acts more nearly meet their views and demands.

Until the primaries are held and the fight over the United States senatorship, or rather the fight against Hiram Johnson, enters upon its second and thing like \$50,000,000 additional operating expense, was considered

additional cost entailed, it was ad

the eight-hour day While they are in long ment, the big committee of 640 general chairmen representing the employes is growing very restive. In a restless ing today the belief was expressed that the railroad chiefs are only playing for known that they "fear they will be unable to hold the men in check much longer" and the statement is made that they are ready to call a strike the moment the railroads reject the President's proposal for settling the strike,

Specific Legislation Not Discussed.

After their conference with President Wilson, Senator Newlands and Representative Adamson said they had discussed the strike controversy generally, but that no legislation to meet the situation had been gone over specifically. The bill adding two members to the interstate commerce commission, which has already passed the House and which will come be-fore the Senate Friday, was one of the

passed the Senate Friday, was one of the measures discussed.

Senator Newlands said after a conference that he would press his bill to increase the interstate commerce commission from seven to nine members and to divide the commission into groups as soon as the revenue bill is passed.

"The President is very desirous that the bill be passed," said Senator Newlands, "and I shall urge it next week."

Beyond saying that they approved the President's course in handling the railroad situation and that they were ready to push any legislation needed, Senator Newlands and Representative Adamson would not discuss their conference.

Permanent Commission Discussed creation of a permanent commission to investigate such controversies was one

of the subjects mentioned. Some of the railroad officials have taken the position that if such a com-\$12,000 each, the federal trade commissioners get \$10,000 and the rural credits commissioners get \$10,000. There is no reason why the members of the tariff commission should not receive \$10,000."

The House passed the bill with the \$7,500 salaries instead of \$10,000, and the Senate now has the bill before it, with the salaries at the lower figure.

ADVISORY-BOARD TO RULE,

| ADVISORY-BOARD TO RULE, | Commission for the nomination. | Chester Rowell | Chester Row mission were created and railroad em-

tingent features to the interstate commerce commission for investigation.

Possibility of passing an eight-hour law for railroads was discussed today among several congressional leaders, but no definite program was evolved, and it was upderstood that no action in this direction would be taken unless the President's efforts failed.

President Wilson plans to see Senator Newlands and Representative Adamson again, probably late today, and expects to receive another call from the committees of the railroad executives some time before tomorrow.

It was understood definitely today that the railroad executives had decided to act as a unit in handling the present situation. For a time yester-

present situation. For a time yester-day it appeared possible that a de-cision might be reached for each road or system to act independently.

Program of Railway Heads. The program of the railroad execu

tives, as understood today, was to deal first with the principle of arbitration and afterward with the eight-If means can be found for guarage

teeing arbitration in future disputes. at least some of the railroad executive are understood to favor acquiescence with the eight-hour day demand.

In administration circles today it was declared that both the President and the railroad executives seemed to be on the way to an agreement.

Report to Committee. Three railroad presidents foday reported to the committee whi

President Wilson held a confer-